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SUBJ: EXCHANGES: CULTURAL PRESENTATION: JOFFREY BALLET

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1. I SPOKE WITH KORNIYENKO, CHIEF OF USA SECTION MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TODAY ABOUT URGENT NECESSITY OF GRANTING SOVIET VISA TO SUNG KWAK.

2. KORNIYENKO TOLD ME THAT THIS WAS COMPLETELY OUT OF THE QUESTION AND VISA WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE GRANTED. I TOLD KORNIYENKO I FELT THAT, IN THIS CASE, JOFFREY BALLET MIGHT CANCEL ITS TOUR, SINCE KWAK WAS ONLY PERSON WHO KNEW MUSIC FOR ENTIRE REPERTOIRE. KORNIYENKO SAID THIS WOULD BE REGRETTABLE, BUT FAULT WAS NOT WITH SOVIET SIDE BUT RATHER WITH U.S. SIDE WHICH HAD FAILED TO ANTICIPATE THIS OBVIOUS PROBLEM.

3. COMMENT: I REPEATEDLY URGED KORNIYENKO TO CONSIDER LARGER IMPLICATIONS OF THIS MATTER AND ADVERSE EFFECT ON RELATIONS IF JOFFREY BALLET WERE TO CANCEL. HE REMAINED ADAMANT, HOWEVER, AND I CONCLUDE THAT WE HAVE EXHAUSTED POSSIBILITIES HERE OF MOVING SOVIETS ON
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GRANTING VISA TO KWAK.

4. I RECEIVED TODAY PERSONAL CABLE FROM CRAWFORD OF
JOFFREY BALLEE CONCERNING KWAK VISA. PLEASE ADVISE
HIM THAT WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE HERE BUT TO
NO AVAIL.
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